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To the Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001, and the Notice dated July 31, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment, remarks, and the Rule 132 Declaration of Periannan Senapathy, submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 26, lines 8-11, please delete the entire paragraph and insert therefor the following paragraph:

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✓ -- For obtaining long DNA fragments containing the splice junctions or exons, long range PCR can be used in the method described in Senapathy, allowed patent application 08/406,545, now U.S. Patent No. 5,994,098, issued November 30, 1999, by including longer fixed sequences in the degenerate primers. --

✓ At page 26, after line 11, please insert the following paragraphs: